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Subject: RE: Associated Press Inquiry re: Superfund and the spill

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From: Dreyfus, Melissa G. **On Behalf Of** EOC Technical Specialist
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To: Jeng, Richard; Jeng, Terry; Wells, Suzanne; Ammon, Doug; Hopkins, Tracy; Gartner, Lois; Flaks, Art; Garufi, Katherine
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Thanks!

Melissa

From: Thomas, Latosha on behalf of EOC Public Information
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 12:30 PM
To: EOC Technical Specialist
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Hi,

These are a subset of questions from Associated Press re: Superfund and the spill. Thanks!

1) had Gold King Mine been designated a Superfund site, what would have been the chances of the spill happening?

-2) -how many mines are currently on the National Priorities List? Can we get a list of those or is there a way to search on the Superfund website?

3)is there a gauge of how often resistance to a Superfund designation by local officials has prevented a site's listing?

4)was a preliminary assessment ever completed on the Gold King Mine or for a group of mines including Gold King?

5)it's my understanding that the EPA has said a water treatment plant estimated to cost \$12-\$17m (and \$1M a year to operate) would be able to clean the water in the Animas.

5b)Is that correct? And if so, is it the type of expense that Superfund would cover?